

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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1. *(currently amended)* An absorbent article comprising a topsheet, a backsheet, and a means for valving means, said means for valving means comprising at least one one-way valve and a ~~connection~~ means for connecting which permits the connecting of a means for pumping means, wherein the means for valving means allows air to be distributed into one or more regions of the article.
  2. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the means for valving means allows air to be discharged into the article in a region between a wearer's skin and the article.
  3. *(currently amended, withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the ~~connection~~ means for connecting comprises a second one-way valve.
  4. *(currently amended, withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein said means for valving means comprises a first one way valve which intakes air from outside said product and a second one way valve which discharges air into said product.
  5. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the means for valving means further comprises piping or tubing which operably connects the ~~connection~~ means for connecting and the at least one one-way valve.
  6. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 1 further comprising a means for pumping means wherein the means for pumping means comprises a means for manual manually or mechanically assisting assisted means for passing air through the ~~connection~~ means for connecting of the absorbent article.
  7. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein the means for pumping means comprises an external bellows.

8. *(currently amended, withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 7, wherein the means for pumping means further includes a desiccant placed inside of the external bellows.
9. *(currently amended, withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 7, wherein the means for pumping means further comprises piping or tubing to permit the connecting of the means for pumping means to the article.
10. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 9, wherein the bellows means comprises an air bag made from materials selected from the group consisting of films and coated nonwoven fabrics.
11. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 10, wherein said air bag is extrusion coated nonwoven.
12. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 10, wherein said air bag is nonwoven fabric coated with latex.
13. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 7, wherein said bellows comprises means for valving ~~means~~ having at least two one way valves.
14. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 1 as a garment having a waist area, wherein the ~~connection~~ means for connecting is located in the waist area of the article.
15. *(currently amended, withdrawn)* The article of Claim 1 as a garment having a leg area, wherein the ~~connection~~ means for connecting is located in the leg area of the article.
16. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein said means for pumping means is permanently connected.
17. *(currently amended, withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein said means for pumping means is capable of use with one or more articles.

18. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein the means for pumping means is an external means for pumping means that is self-contained.
19. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein the means for pumping means is an external means for pumping means that is attached to the article.
20. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 1 which is a personal care product.
21. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is a diaper.
22. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is a training pant.
23. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is swimwear.
24. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is an incontinence product.
25. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is a bandage.
26. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is a sanitary napkin.
27. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is an absorbent pad.
28. *(currently amended)* A personal care product comprising a topsheet, a backsheet, and a ~~distribution~~ means for distributing, said ~~distribution~~ means for distributing comprising distribution piping and a ~~connection~~ means for connecting which permits the connecting of a pump, wherein the ~~distribution~~ means for distributing facilitates air exchange in the product, thereby reducing the moisture encountered by skin of a wearer.
29. *(currently amended)* The personal care product of Claim 28, wherein ~~distribution~~ means for distributing allows air to be discharged into one or more regions of the product.
30. *(currently amended)* The personal care product of Claim 28, further comprising a pump adapted to be actuated by manual or mechanically assisted means for pumping

and force air into or draw air from the product in a region between the wearer's skin and the product.

31. *(previously presented)* The personal care product of Claim 30, wherein the pump is self-contained.

32. *(withdrawn)* The personal care product of Claim 30, wherein the pump is readily removable from the product.

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33. *(original)* The personal care product of Claim 28, wherein the personal care product is selected from a diaper, training pant, swimwear, absorbent underpant, adult incontinence product, feminine hygiene product, absorbent pad, wound dressing and bandage.

34. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, further comprising a desiccant.

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